

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2841 - HB 2851**

February 16, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Amends the current workers' compensation death benefit by deleting the survivorship provision that reduces benefits if a surviving spouse remarries, to allow the surviving spouse to continue to receive full workers' compensation benefits.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

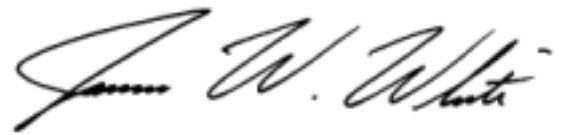
#### **Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Claims Award Fund**

Estimate assumes an increase in expenditures for workers' compensation claims for employees of state and local governments.

Based on a review of claims files in the past five years, the state terminated benefits in one claim due to the spouse's remarriage. For that claim, the state saved the balance of the originally approved death benefit, or \$88,674.71.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director